

ARTIST TIME IS "LOOKING BACK" Deeds of Great Men Held Up as Example to Veterans. TOMBS OF UNKNOWN DECORATED FIRST Senator McCumber Pays Glowing Tribute to Men Who Fought in Civil War.

National retrospection as the safeguard of the people was the keynote of the exercises at Arlington today. In the oration of Senator Porter J. McCumber, of North Dakota, in the amphitheater, and in the attitude of the veterans of two wars who decorated the graves of their departed comrades, this sentiment seemed uppermost. That Memorial Day has come to mean a period of looking backward over the deeds of the great men for inspiration to carry on the work of nation building in the future and that, on the strength of the inspiration thus obtained, the fate of the nation depends, was made evident by the men who had worn the blue and the men who had worn the khaki, in their discussions about the graveside of their comrades.

It was 11:30 o'clock when, headed by the Fifteenth Cavalry Band, the veterans marched from the hilltop in front of the mansion to the Tomb of the Unknown Dead, in accordance with the annual custom. Maj. E. B. Cameron, in command of the column, which included the veterans who had participated in the parade in the city earlier in the morning and the delegations from the various posts, and the Women's Relief Corps, at the cemetery decorating the graves. Around the great tomb the line marched, halting while the ladies decorated the mound. Then the procession moved to the Spanish War section, where the Soldier's Monument was decorated, and then the column returned to the amphitheater.

Give National Salute.

It was just noon when the boom of the first gun of the national salute signaled the beginning of the exercises in the amphitheater. The echo of the last of the twenty-one guns had not died away when a bugler sounded "assembly," and the Marine Band played "The Star Spangled Banner." Department Commander of the H. H. Brooke called the assemblage to order, and Chaplain J. D. Bloodgood pronounced the invocation. After more music and the reading of the orders of the day Assistant Adjutant General O. H. Oldroyd, Samuel E. Stratton read the order of the day, and Miss Jessie Birch sang "The Rest of the Brave." Dr. Thomas Calver read an original poem, "The Soldier's Home," and Miss Birch and the choir sang again, after which Senator Porter J. McCumber was introduced as the orator of the day.

Senator McCumber referred to the well-known fact that Arlington is a national cemetery in the newest and best sense of the word in that it forms the last resting place for the men who wore the gray as well as the men who wore the blue. For nearly a hundred years the cause over which these brave men fought has been butted, never to be resurrected again, he declared. Continuing Senator McCumber said:

Speech of McCumber.

"My soldier friends, this country, with all its present glory, its immeasurable wealth, and its incomprehensible power, is the same country which posterity took from your hands forty and four years ago, but, ah, how changed since that fair day! When you emerged from the war, its flag floated over a rural people. Our population was overwhelmingly agricultural. We lived close to the breast of nature and ever felt the throbs of its enlivening heart. The wealth of the country was little and quite evenly distributed. Accumulated fortunes were so few and far between that they attracted little attention. With slight contact with them the pangs of jealousy and envy lay dormant in our hearts. The press of the country, then in its primary stage of development, was for the most part conservative, reliable and healthful. This was the country you gave to us. But what a marvel has since been wrought!

"The last dozen years have given us a prosperity never before approached in this or any other country. Under its exhilaration everything we have touched has seemed to turn to gold. Under its inspiration speculation has run riot, and fabulous fortunes have sprung into being throughout the land.

"And yet, through all this clamor, this rush for wealth and power, this glorification of national prowess, this ostentatious display, the listening heart of patriotism cannot but hear the whisper of a caution, 'Lest we forget.' We know the impressibility of human character. We know to what final result every condition inevitably leads, for, 'History with all her volumes vast, Hath but one page.'

Patriotism Only Safety.

"And so in apprehension we turn to look for that only haven of absolute safety, the old patriotism of 1861 to 1865. Your patriotism maintained in its olden vigor and transmitted to your children's children is our surest shield against the dangers that always lurk in the shadow of a too rapid progress, or breed degeneracy in the indolent atmosphere of too great a wealth.

"Today the Grand Army of the Republic lays its tribute of flowers on the thirty thousand new military graves. Next year the death list will be still more. This is the silent slaughter as you walk into the valley, but you walk forth with the same undaunted hearts, with the same brave steps, and at night you sing the same old songs—soldiers to the end. And those who watch you and those who walk with you, as deeper and deeper into the valley of night you go, with tears in their eyes, and heart with gratitude inexpressible, can only murmur, 'God be with you to the end.'

A series of musical selections followed by the singing of "America" by the entire assemblage, brought the program to a close, the benediction being pronounced by the Rev. Dr. John H. Shannon, pastor of the Metropolitan M. E. church. The musical program this year was especially prepared by the Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church choir.

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TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN Representative Hollingsworth Challenges Statement That Jefferson Davis Was Greater Man Than President. Answers Attacks in Southern Papers.

Representative David A. Hollingsworth, of Ohio, the orator of the day at the National Cemetery, Old Soldiers' Home, in an address replete with patriotic sentiment, deplored the fact that, in these modern days, a statement read in the House of Representatives to the effect that Jefferson Davis was a greater man than Lincoln, was allowed to go unchallenged.

"Loyal men, lovers of their country, and their country's honor, may well shudder at certain modern suggestions," he said. "It will be a dark day indeed for the Republic when the name of the man who Lincoln deemed a greater man than himself, is allowed to be placed above all other figures of the civil war period or when it shall be replaced by the name of Jefferson Davis, an extent to the hearts and affections of the American people.

"The thought of it is as shocking as the first thrill of horror that followed the firing on Sumter, and yet, only recently, there was read in the National House of Representatives, without any words of patriotic indignation being allowed in reply, this sentiment from a leading Southern journal:

The Comparison.

"Everybody in America who knows the history of the two men knows that in point of education, native ability, culture, oratory, legal attainments, character, and unselfish patriotism, that Jefferson Davis was a greater man than Abraham Lincoln, and knows furthermore that the cause for which the Southern soldier fought was the cause of right."

Of unfavorable weather, the outdoor exercises at the Soldiers' Home were abandoned, and the crowd, which assembled in Stanton Hall filled the auditorium to its capacity. The feature of the outdoor program, a march by the soldiers to the Tomb of Gen. John A. Logan, was not held.

The Rev. H. Allen Griffith, chaplain of Soldiers' Home, opened the exercises at 10 o'clock with a prayer, while the introductory address was made by Senator Vice Department Commander H. W. Howard. The Gaelic Chorus at this point sang, while Dr. Thomas Calver read his original poem "We Miss Them So." Mrs. N. C. Kelser followed with a soprano solo, "The Soldiers' Home Memorial Hymn," and Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read by G. Leysburg Sherry, of J. J. Astor Camp, No. 6, Spanish War Veterans. The Soldiers' Home Band played "America" and the audience joined in singing the chorus. The Rev. Edward H. Southgate pronounced the benediction, and the exercises closed with "Taps."

Continuing his speech Representative Hollingsworth said:

"Patrons, former soldiers of the Union Army, may we not seriously inquire: Whether are our public leaders drifting? Are the idealists of Lincoln, Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Thomas, Logan, Custer, McKinley, and others of civil war fame to be abandoned? No, my comrades, there is a brighter vision. It is seen today in the patriotic observance of Memorial Day all over our fair land, in the honor of the dead of the Republic by the common people whom Lincoln loved so well. The simple lesson of patriotism is being taught to the children of the Republic. It is the most sublime object lesson in loyalty to God and country ever given to man. We are strengthening the faith and purposes of every President since Lincoln. It has dignified and ennobled American citizenship beyond the faintest conception of our forefathers. It has dwarfed into insignificance in comparison with the Nation's honor the mercenary greed of Wall Street and the money lords of the country, North and South, in and out of Congress, who seem to think the sun of peace rises and sets for their special benefit and profit.

Same Spirit Shown.

"When oppressed humanity cried aloud in Cuba and despotism Spain defied the United States Government in the destruction of the Maine, this same spirit of patriotism, taught by the Boys in Blue in 1861-5, was equal to the emergency and gave to President McKinley, himself a civil war veteran, that sublime courage and confidence which enabled him in his defense of the country to Congress to successfully refute the time serving peace and diplomacy cry of those who, if permitted, would have purchased peace at the price of national dishonor.

"So now, my comrades and my countrymen, let us have the same spirit of unselfish love and devotion to country among the common people may be depended upon to check any undue exaltation of the principles and doctrines of the lost cause. The ideals of Lincoln and Grant cannot be destroyed. Their place in history is secure.

Representative Hollingsworth, in passing, paid his respects to recent attacks upon him in Southern newspapers because he had objected to the Jefferson

Davis photograph being placed on the silver service of the battleship Mississippi, he said:

"There is no mistaking the patriotic sentiment of the people. Monuments may be erected to a lost cause; shadowy lines may be drawn between loyalty and treason; Southern newspapers may denounce the Lincoln and Grants of the war period and call their soldiers 'bums' and robbers of citizens' women and children; Confederate emblems may be allowed by complaisant officials to adorn your Government battle-ships; but still the facts, the immortal truths vindicated by the war of the Union, are now as fixed and eternal as the stars. Reason and manly courage are beyond the reach of man's undoing. 'God has certainly had the American continent in His keeping for some wise purpose. The same cloud by day and pillar of fire by night, that led the Israelites out of bondage, seems to have guided our pilgrim fathers to Plymouth Rock, blazed the heavens as the patriots marched to Lexington and Concord, was seen by Washington at Yorktown, by Jackson at New Orleans, by Scott and Taylor in Mexico, by Grant at Appomattox, by Devens at Fort Mifflin, and while God continues to reign, the same providence and protecting care will assuredly abide with the American people. They are the chosen instruments of His power in the evangelization of the world.

Not Time Nor Place.

"This is not the time or place to discuss or criticize modern attempts to revive Confederate ideals. Mawkish sentiment toward those who cherish the lost cause may reach a point where Northern indignation and manly courage cannot be restrained, but the time is not yet. Justice and truth move slowly. It required the firing on Sumter in 1861 to thoroughly arouse the loyal North. Spanish insult and aggression in Cuba continued until the blowing up of the Maine. Patience and forbearance are virtues of the strong.

"Time has happily softened the asperities of the civil war, and it is now possible to look at the war with a new perspective. It has worked wonders in public sentiment toward the actors in that bloody tragedy. Treason, as applied to the rebellion, is no longer permissible in polite circles. The 'rebels' whom you old veterans knew and fought as such in 1861-5 were suddenly transformed after the war into 'ex-Confederates,' 'erring brethren of the South,' and in a few years were wisely and generously restored to full rights and citizenship.

"No one now questions the wisdom of reconciliation and peace. Today it may be said, is said by the highest authority of the land, that the men of the Gray and the men of the Blue are given equal consideration in the councils of the Nation.

"Charity is one of the cardinal virtues of the Grand Army of the Republic and its frequent exercise is certainly ennobling. Along this line of usefulness we shall have many opportunities. The fortune of unfortunate comrades, their widows and orphans, is a sacred trust. Other duties, equally sacred, will press upon us. We must be prepared to meet them bravely and well as we met the enemy in battle.

"It should never be said of a soldier in war that he faltered in the presence of the foe. The form of a soldier in peace that he turned his back upon duty.

"As we, then, comrades of 1861-5, although the evening shadows are fast lengthening, although we have nearly reached the age for chloroforming, according to Dr. Oiler, keep our faces to the front, buckle our belts a little tighter as we did on the eve of battle, and bravely resolve to go forward to the end, doing our whole duty as good citizens in peace, as we did our duty as soldiers in war, even though insult and abuse may be heaped upon us by the friends and defenders of the lost cause. If we do this, it is as certain as any peace rises and sets for the playdits of a grateful nation will follow and abide with us to the end."

HOLD A MEMORIAL FOR SOLDIER DEAD

Memorial services for the soldier dead of the nation were held at St. Patrick's Church last night. Prayers for the repose of those who offered up their lives in defense of the country were said by the Rev. Father William T. Russell, rector. The services were attended by representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Army and Navy Union, and other patriotic and military organizations.

A meeting of the Good Shepherd League was held in Carroll Hall at the conclusion of the services. Representative Louisiana's review of the good work of the organization, and urged the continued support of its members. Judge Deacy, of the Juvenile Court, also made an address. Musical program was furnished by the male members of the choir of St. Patrick's Church.

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